

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: MS2006 Naming Committee

ITEM NO: 9G

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MEETING: January 24, 2006

ACTION DATE: January 24, 2006

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board approve the MS2006 name recommended by the 2006 Middle School Naming Committee.

KEY POINTS:

- ◆ On October 28, 2003 the School Board approved Guidelines for the Naming of Stafford County Public Schools.
- ◆ Guidelines #2 and #3 provide for a school naming committee to include the new middle school Principal, as Chairperson; the School Board member for the district in which the new school is located; the Supervisor for the district; and a representative of the Stafford County Historical Society. (*Guidelines attached*)
- ◆ Guideline #4 tasks the school naming committee with providing one preferred name and an alternate to the School Board for approval within forty-five days from the first meeting of the committee. The guideline further provides that "middle schools will be named for Stafford County Educators who have made significant contributions to Stafford County Schools."
- ◆ The 2006 Middle School Naming Committee, including Steve Trant, Principal of MS2006, Mark Osborn, Supervisor for the Falmouth District (term ended December 31, 2005), Robert Belman, School Board Member for the Falmouth District and Jane Conner, Stafford County Historical Society met to discuss potential names for the 2006 Middle School.
- ◆ The committee recommends Dixon-Smith Middle School as the name for the 2006 Middle School. Donald Dixon is a lifelong Stafford County resident with several decades of service to Stafford County schools. During his tenure, he was a teacher, an assistant principal and principal. He worked at Grafton Village, Falmouth, and Stafford Elementary schools and Gayle and Drew Middle Schools. Lyle Ray Smith was a Principal of Grafton Village Elementary and a Supervisor for the Falmouth District.

- ◆ The committee supports the naming of MS2006 after both men for their service to the community in which the new school is located. This recommendation has the support of three members of the committee. The fourth member preferred another name. The committee has chosen not to provide an alternate name at this time since many of the individuals discussed by the committee are still living. The recommendation conforms to the Guidelines for the Naming of Stafford County Public Schools.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: #5 - Provide facilities that promote student learning and community support.

#6 -Introduce programs to enhance employee status, within the school division and the community at large, so that employees are aware of their value to school and community.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE NAMING OF STAFFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1. When a new school site is purchased or a planning project for a new school is initiated, the school will be referred to by type (Elementary, Middle, High) and year of anticipated completion/opening.
2. Once a Principal is appointed for a new school, the Principal will become Chairman of a committee to name the new school.
3. The committee will include the Principal as Chairman, the School Board member for the district in which the new school will be located, the Supervisor for the district, and a representative of the Stafford Historical Society.
4. The committee will determine a preferred name for the school and one alternate name within forty-five days of the first meeting of the committee based on the following criteria:
 - Elementary schools will be named for the street on which the school faces, the historical or current name of the district or community in which the school is located or after a Stafford County resident of historical significance.
 - Middle Schools will be named for Stafford County Educators who have made significant contributions to Stafford County Schools.
 - High Schools will be named for the street on which the school faces or for the historical or current name of the district or community in which the school is located or after a Stafford County resident of historical significance.
5. School names are often strong symbols of identification for local communities. Therefore the committee should make community consultation an integral part of the naming process.
6. The preferred school name and the alternate school name will be brought before the School Board at the first meeting following the forty-five day committee term.
7. At their discretion, the Stafford County School Board may name any athletic field, special use facility or designated area within a school after a former Stafford County Schools employee or other person of historical importance who has made significant contributions to education in Stafford County.

Approved: Stafford County School Board 10/28/03